GEORGE ADE TELLS OF DOC HORNE OF THE ALFALFA HOTEL AND HIS FRIENDS-A TALE IN WHICH THE DOC MAKES A CALL

FTER the dentist, on matrimony bent, had called at the Milbury flat three times and had taken Miss Letitia Milbury, to whom he was duly presented in the previous story, to the theatre once, he made a successful effort to have Doc Horne invited to dinner. The dentist was more fond of Miss Milbury every time they met. He was supremely confident that Doc would like her, for she was in the bloom of what he judged to be 22 and had no shortcomings of any kind

In regard to size she was neither too large nor too small. He had described her to Doc as "a plamp figure." It seemed to him that her hair was brown-certainly it was combed in a most bewitching fashion. She talked readily and sympathized with him in all opinions he had ever expressed to her. She could play the piano and

Her mother had been mentioned to Doc as a "fine old girl." The dentist anticipated no difficulty in falling deeply in love with Miss Letitia Milbury. Before doing so he wished to keep his agreement with Doc Horne. which was that after the dentist had "looked around" and selected a young woman. Doc should inspect her and give an expert opinion based on his vast experience with the sex. But the dentist had no fears. He knew that his elderly friend would indorse the peerless creature. Could any one help

If the dentist had been candid with himself he would have admitted that his true reason for wishing to have Doc invited to dinner was quite selfish. He wished to exhibit Miss Milbury as a prospective possession. He believed that Doc would be surprised and impressed, perhaps made a trifle

He secured the invitation for Doc by the most shameless lobbying. He repeatedly said to Miss Milbury, "I have a friend. Doc Horne, down at the hotel that I'm sure you and your mother would like to know."

When Miss Milbury invited the dentist to come to the flat for dinner he said, in pursuance of his set policy, "Yes, indeed, I'll come, and some time or other, when I'm coming out here to dinner, or any other time, I want to bring Doc Horne with me-you know. my friend I've spoken about so often."

Then Miss Milbury said, with exclamatory eagerness, "Why, bring him out this time!

The dentist said that he couldn't possibly think of it, especially after he had said what he had. It looked too much as if-but some time or other he would bring Doc out to the flat, knowing that both Miss Milbury and her mother would like him, because he was a very superior gentleman.

Why wait?" asked Miss Milbury. Bring him this time. That will make

Thus overthrown by her persuasions, the dentist agreed to have Doc at the flat on the following Thursday evening.

Doc was taken rather by surprise when told, in the most summary manner, that he was to be and appear at the Milbury flat.

"My dear sir, are you attempting to bring me back to all that I forswore many years ago?" asked Doc, taking hold of the dentist's arm, which was a most friendlike manifestation for him. "Are you going to start me to dining out again?"

"Oh, but this once. Doe you must come," said the dentist. "I've prom-

source of unmitigated confidence.

a refuge liable to aeroplanes, or

gued in an earlier chapter, will be

the submarine, and the waterplane

the waterplane most of all, because

of its possibilities of a comparative

bigness-in the hands of competent

and daring men. And I find myself.

as a patriotic Englishman, more and

more troubled by doubts whether we

are as certainly superior to any pos-

dreadnoughts. I find myself awake

at nights, after a day much agitated

by a belligerent press, wondering

whether the real empire of the sea

may not even now have slipped out

been fixed on our stately procession

of giant warships, while our country

has been in a dream, hypnotized by

For some years there seems to have

the dreadnought idea.

press extremely.

to raid our trade routes.

ing an exception to the rule," he said. "Every day or two I meet on the street here some man I used to know in New York, or Harrisburg, or Richmond, or some other place, and it's always the same thing-'Horne, when can you come out and take dinner with me?" If I started in to accept these invitations I'd be laid up with the gout in three months time. Besides, I stopped drinking champagne years ago, and if

sons, I invariably beg off." The dentist assured him that the is it-orange bitters?

I went with these men it would be

that or nothing. So, for various rea-

shoes, which had a coppery polish. As for Doc, his familiar black suit had been thoroughly brushed, and the white lawn tie put a dash of the clerical into his appearance.

'Look, look!" whispered the freckled boy as the two approached, and he nudged the lush. "Wouldn't that more than jolt you?" "Good evening, gentlemen," said Doc, with the least inclination of the

"Give the girls my regards," said the lush, as the two passed him. "Um-Smell the perfumery. What

and looked straight ahead, trying to

be unconscious. He seem d to be in

The dentist adjusted his cravat

that he had asked the question before, "How long shall we remain after din-To which the dentist replied that they would depart as soon as he (Doc) was ready to go, but there probably would be no inclination to hurry away, as the Milburys were

fine people The dentist made allowance for the fact that Doc had been out of society for several seasons and was about to meet strangers. He felt sure that at the proper time, with the encouragement given by Miss Milbury and her mother, Doc would come to himself and appeal to the women as being all that the dentist had promised.

For the first five minutes at the flat Doc sat speechless and mournful, lisDoc to observe that he hoped to spend a few weeks at one of the Northern lakes if he could arrange his business affairs so as to get away from town.

you fond of boating. Doctor?" asked Mrs. Milbury.
"I am fond of all forms of outdoor

sports, Mrs. Milbury, especially swimming," he replied. "At one time I considered myself quite a swimmer, but I haven't swum a long distance for -let me see-seventeen years ago this summer. Yes, it was the year of the Presidential election. I'll tell you I had to let myself out that time." "On a bet?" asked the dentist.

"Oh, no-no, sir, I wouldn't attempt anything of the kind merely for a bet.

water, and I tore a hole in that cedar boat that you could have put your

"I got the boat lifted and pulled it off, and of course the water poured in so that there was no hope of keeping affoat. I jumped back into the stern. pulled off my shoes and swung them around my neck, tied together, and lowered myself into the water. The

boat was completely waterlogged, and I knew I couldn't use the oars, but I thought I could swim along behind the tried it, but it was slow work, because a live breeze had sprung up from the north and the waves were rolling

against me. "I saw that it would take me an

the train coming alon woods, and I made a fin-

"Did you ever!" obse bury, with an upward r "Just as I came out train stopped at the sta to make a run. I swu form as the wheels le got on the train on

people on the platform "I sat out on the fr car until the conduand then explained my been over the road two with a party of gentlem my disposal so I could d

"It was late in the es arrived at Milwaukee. riage up to my hote threw up both hands. hotel people up at I found the boat, and the course that I had bethey had telegraphed t waukee, and from Mily been sent all over the c "I hurried around to

offices to deny the rumthey had an obituary columns long already funniest part of it all people up at Planking declared that no maswum ashore in such n the conductor told hi had to give in

"Well, I think it's m ful that you had the out from that boat long distance," said Mi "I wanted to catch the caught it," said Doc.

Both the women were in this feat of swimming to tell them of a high Cumberland River made of a dare given him by of Tallahassee, distan-Gen. Wade Hampton of other stories.

While the good nigh said Doc promised to cal Letitia Milbury had w Doc was charming. The ensuing conversa

after Do: and the dentist "Well, Doc, she's a aln't she?" asked the

"Remarkable - remar 'Good looking, don't "Very-very. "It strikes me too

good even temper. "I saw or heard not me to believe otherwis "And a lot of common

what so few of them ha common sense. I dare say. The mother a very superior person she's fat."

"You do not like large w "Well, I don't positively woman because she hap ike a very large woman. ject to a plump one, but bury is." I'm very sorry to be

"Sorry? Why s in ten or fifteen years fro be fully as large as the t

"I argue from the we of heredity. Those two just alike both in temp physical characteristics. "Oh, I don't know. tain family resemblan-

but-no. I can't see it. "Naturally there is a other is probably 45 daughter is now cause I looked thr while you and Miss M. the piano, and there wa the mother taken vedaughter to-day.

"Slimmer" gasped the only right that you at present, decidedly you may take my word

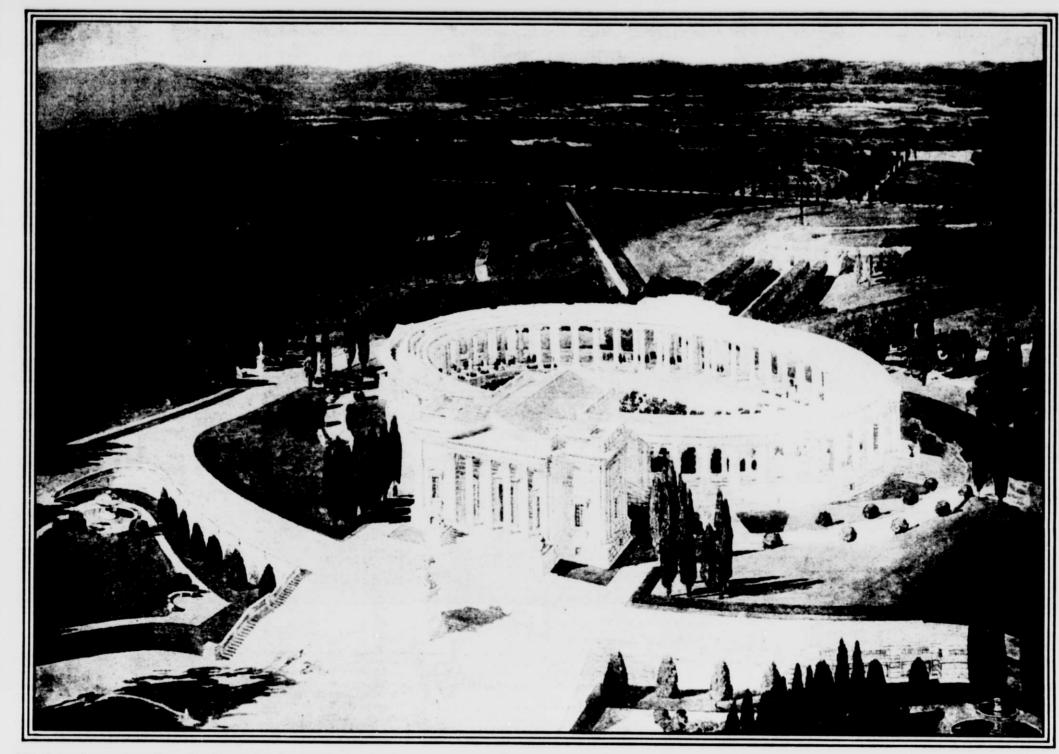
then slimmer than the

"That settles it," said a voice which sounded

I have observed hundr

The dentist could t to speak. He alighte and walked over to the silence, as if all hope v (Copuright, 1915, by the

\$2,000,000 Memorial to Washington and Dead Soldiers of America



Work has been started on the Memorial Amphitheatre on Armory Square, Washington, D. C. The Memorial Association, of which Mrs. Henry F. Dimock is president, has raised enough money to insure the Congressional appropriation of \$500.000. The marble structure will seat 6,000 when completed.

Milburys would not urge him to drink

"Thursday evening-Thursday evening-let me see. No. I haven't any inflicting engagements. You say there'll be only the four of us?"

"Only four, Doc, and I know you'll like them, because they're fine people." So it was settled that Doc would go Then, as luck would have it, he and the dentist had to run the gantlet as they came out of the hotel at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening, for the lush and he freckled boy and a dozen weary transients were sitting outside the front door, and they stared with sur-

sponse. He had betrayed his secret, of the play which the dentist and Miss however. From that moment until the Milbury had attended. Once or twice however. From that moment until the day he left the hotel to be married he

was under scrutiny. it seemed to the dentist that Doc was a bit restless and apprehensive for a man who had known Richmond society before the war, had done a great deal of dancing in Philadelphia, had been on the stage for three months at one time, had been challenged to fight on account of a Memphis belle and ad fascinated a Brazilian senorita without one effort to be more attrac-

tive than usual. Several times Doc adjusted his cuffs prise at the dentist's waistcoat which and the white lawn bow, wiped his was cream colored, and his cravat, palms with the handkerchief and

The dentist flushed but made no re- tening, with dull gaze, to the criticism he were about to turn and sit sidewise in the chair, but on discovering that plans. The dentist was worried. Miss.

> Doc's first effort at speech was in or was?"

"Oh, that? That's my uncle." Is the name Flanders?

'I thought at first it was my friend Flanders who used to have a studio in

"No. that's Uncle J.m. He has a

Doc was not acquainted in Danville, so he fell out of the conversation. which reverted to the subject of the drama, and then Mrs. Milbury came in. She surprised Doc, for she was large-very large. The dentist had told of her cordialty, her goodness of heart, her ability to make one "feel home" as soon as one sat down beside her, but he had not prepared Doc to meet a woman of such weight and girth, and so he was unnerved at moment of introduction and mumbled his line, which he had rehearsed to himself as follows

At the table Doc faced Mrs. Milbury and the dentist sat opposite the daughter. A frightened servant. whom Mrs. Milbury addressed as "Eliza." brought in the roast, the vegetables, the light biscuit and the During the meal the conversation back and forth revealed to Doc that Mrs. Milbury was a widow, that she had enough property to supply an income, that she and Letitia had come to Chicago from a town of 5,000 that Letitia might "take music" and than they had found it rather lonesome in the city at first, but lately they had been meeting some "lovely

"Including my young friend here," said Doc. with an unfolding gesture of the right arm toward the dentist This was the first evidence that he was regaining his powers. Probably

After they had returned to the front room and Mrs. Milbury had urged them to smoke and Doc had found a comfortable chair, Miss Milbury sang "Oh, Promise Me," with the dentist turning the music. Mrs. Milbury found a palm leaf fan for Doc and told him that she always liked to see a man enjoying his evening cigar. Thus, one cheering influence after another

Why, how strange!" exclaimed Miss Milbury.

"Wait until I tell you the circumstances and you'll understand. Have you ever been to Lake Plankinac? Beautiful place! I used to go up there to rest and ride around in th for a few days at a time. As I told you, this was seventeen years ago. I remember because I had been doing some confidential work during the Presidential campaign. I was at Plankings and had been there three days, and this happened on the after-

"The lake was about four miles long and two miles wide. The hotel where I stopped was toward the north end of There was a railroad station there and another station at the south end of the lake, three miles away. I wankee, where I was to meet a certain gentleman and have a most important interview with him. It was absolutely necessary that I should catch this

About an hour before train time I went out to take a final row. I jumped into the boat and pulled away toward the south end of the lake. That was my usual ride-down to the south end of the lake and back. Well, I had a nice, light cedar boat and I was making fair speed-I suppose a mile in eight minutes or so, when all at once I went crash! into a piling that had been sunk in a sandbar. The fishermen used to tie to this piling and then drift away so as to fish just off the

hour or more to get back to the hotel working that way, and I remembered all at once that I had to catch the 5 com shore, considerably over two miles from the hotel, and a good long mile from the railway station at south end of the lake. I saw that if I xpected to reach the shore at all in time to catch the train I would have to make for the south end. "I let the boat swing around and

started to swim behind it, pushing it with the wind. I made better headway, but it was pretty mean work, beause the boat was half full of water. and just as heavy as a drag. I knew that the hotel people would recover the boat all right. so I simply let it go and started for the shore alone. "I figured that I had no time to

waste if I wanted to catch that train so I swam with my long overhand stroke-Tve always found that I can make better speed that way. The wind kept getting higher, and for the last half mile or so I was riding in the whitecaps. I want to tell you, ladies. that even in a little lake four miles long you can get up a pretty good sea you get the wind to coming right I didn't mind the waves, however, because they sort of helped me along.

"When I was about a hundred yards from the shore I heard the engine whistle for the station at the north of the take. I was somewhat exhausted by that time, naturally enough. I had often swum longer distances than that, but never before had I attempted

Japan's Parliament and

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ing of the Empress and read the bill. Count Okuma, the Prime Minister, now took the tribune. He made a striking figure. Tall he seemed as he stepped into the tribune-tall and gaunt, close shaven and almost bald. with clear cut features over which the fine ivory white skin was drawn like parchment. He glanced around with dark flery eyes. He is 77 years old, but might from his alertness of bearing and crectness of carriage fifteen years younger; he halts in his sturdy galt because of the loss of a leg some twenty years back at hands of a would-be assassin. Japanese modern history, I may interject. is all too thickly sprinkled with these homicidal fanatics, who apparently of the demons of prejudice and ambi-

The Count's gestures were not many and his address was short but full of feeling. He speaks with the greatest freedom. The face in all is now seen to be boldly modelled, the forehead good, the nose unusually long and thin for a Japanese. His high cheek bones make declivities around them. His mouth is mobile, and he uses his lips in talking more than most Orientals.

His tribute to the great lady was O.shi, Shimada and T delivered with feeling and there was pects to win a musome applause as he ended. The vote was then taken nem, con and the sitting was over; time, 1:15 P. M. The scene was repeated in the House The appropriation called for 600,000 yen, or \$300,000.

Interest of course turns on the standing of the parties. I have shown why it is that all the parties in the lower house are liberals and progressives. It remains to be said, however, that a conservative party is really in process of formation and will be found bound up with the fortunes of the Seiyukai, which held the majority at the time of the dissolution, and which is now faced with the fire of the min-

Count Okuma has the support of two parties. One is the Doshikai, "the men of like mind." led by Baron Kato. the present Foreign Minister, a man of great ability, long official training and high character. There were 95 members in the party and they are pledged to support the Okuma policies The party was organized in 1913 by the seceders from the Nationalist party and the members of the Central Club. It is strong in leaders and has many expert politicians like Messrs.

Golden Mean Mr. Ozak., the pres tice. It numbered others for entry persuasive in pu

occupied by Indepet free to support wh sire. They naturally

ful men among the win on March 25 nex least sixty members sition and herd ther own men to commar jority.

imagination in naval and military mat-That declining faculty, never a very active or well exercised one, staggered up to the conception of a dreadnought, and seems now to have sat down for good. Its reply to every demand upon it has been "more dread-The future, as we British

been a complete arrest of the British

noughts, and superdreadnoughts and It will be a poor consolation if an super-superdreadnoughts, getting bigill advised and stranded Zeppelin or so enlivens the quiet of the English countryside by coming down and capitulating. It will be a trifling counter shock to wing an aeroplane or so or blow a torpedo boat out of the water. Our dreadnoughts will cease to be a second battleship disaster will excite probably lead to a retirement of the battle fleet to some east coast harbor, the west coast of Ireland-and the real naval war, which, as I have arwar of destroyers, submarines and hydroplanes, will begin. Incidentally commerce destroyer may take advantage of the retirement of our fleet We shall then realize that the actual naval weapons are these smaller weapons, and especially the destroyer, new phase is one of supreme importance. Knowing, as I do, the imagina-

a question I face with something very near to dismay. But it is one that has to be faced. The question that should occupy our directing minds now is no longer "How con we get more dreadnoughts?" but sible adversary in these essential What have we to follow the dreadthings as we are in the matter of

tive indolence of my countrymen, it

ger in a kind of inverted perspective But the ascendency of fleets of great battleships in naval warfare, like the phase of huge conscript armies upon land, draws to its closs. The progress of invention makes both the big ship and the army crowd more and more ulnerable and less and less effective, A new phase of warfare opens beyond the vista of our current programmes. Smaller, more numerous and various and mobile weapons and craft and contrivances, manned by daring and highly skilled men, must ultimately take the place of those massivenesses. We are entering upon a period in which the invention of methods and material for war is likely to be more rapid and diversified than it has ever been before, and the quesof what we have been doing behind the splendid line of our dreadnoughts to meet the demands of this

To the Power that has most nearly uessed the answer to that riddle belongs the future empire of the seas It is interesting to guess for oneself and to speculate upon the possibility of a kind of armored mother ship for waterplanes and submarines and torpedo craft, but necessarily that would be a mere journalistic and amateurish guessing. I am not guessing. but asking urgent questions. What force, what council, how many imaginative and inventive men has the country got at the present time employed not easually but professionally in anticipating the new strategy, the new tactics, the new material, the new training that invention is so rapidly rendering necessary? I have

Naval Warfare of Future - - By H. G. Wells the gravest doubts whether we are doing anything systematic at all in this way.

Now, it is the tremendous seriousness of this deficiency to which I want to call attention. Great Britain has in her armor a gap more dangerous and vital than any mere numerical inufficiency of men or ships. She is short of minds. Behind its strength of current armaments to-day, a strength begins to evaporate and grow obsolete from the very moment comes into being, a country needs more and more this profounder strength of intellectual and creative

activity. This country most of all, which was left so far behind in the production of submarines, airships and aeroplanes must be made to realize the folly of its trust in established things. Each new thing we take up more belatedly and reluctantly than its predecessor. The time is not far distant when we shall be "caught" lagging unless we change

We need a new arm to our service we need it urgently, and we shall need it more and more, and that arm is research. We need to place inquiry and experiment upon a new footing altogether, to enlist for them and organize them, to secure the pick of our young chemists and physicists and engineers. and to get them to work systematiupon the anticipation and preparation of our future war equipment. We need a service of invention to recover our lost lead in these

And it is because I feel so keenly the want of such a service and the want of great sums of money for it that I deplore the disposition to waste millions upon the hasty creation of a universal service army and upon excessive dreadnoughting. I am convinced that we are spending upon the things of yesterday the money that is sorely needed for the things of tomorrow.

With our eyes averted obstinately from the future we are backing

cury had expected an immediate

reference to a photograph on the mantel. After looking at it for a full the talk and asked. "Will you be kind enough to tell me. Miss Milbury, who the original of that photograph is-

nursery in Danville."

Madam, I am both charmed and delighted to make your acquaintance.

the tea had something to do with it.

helped to make Doc conversational.

Miss Milbury had been longing to